

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

**FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF NSTAR GAS COMPANY TO THE
DIVISION OF PIPELINE ENGINEERING AND SAFETY**

D.T.E. 05-36

November 16, 2005

Persons Responsible: Christopher Bourne

Information Request NSTAR 1-21

Please provide a copy of all prior interpretations, rulings, orders and determinations by the Division of 49 C.F.R. Parts 192.479 and 192.481 as it relates to the need for gas distribution companies to perform corrosion monitoring of gas service lines that are: (a) below ground and (b) interior to a residential dwelling or business premises.

Response

Letter dated June 4, 1997, from Robert Smallcomb, Director to Richard Nasman, Manager of Engineering, Berkshire Gas Company addressing Berkshire Gas Company's atmospheric corrosion procedures and the need for the operator to comply with 49 C.F.R. § 192.723, attached as Exhibit NSTAR 1-21(A).

Letter dated June 27, 2005, from Danny G. Cote, General Manager, Bay State Gas to Christopher Bourne, Director, requesting an interpretative from the Department on the requirements for interior corrosion inspection and interior leak inspection, attached as Exhibit NSTAR 1-21(B).

Letter dated July 7, 2005, from Christopher Bourne, Director to Danny G. Cote, General Manager, Bay State Gas addressing the requirements for interior atmospheric corrosion monitoring and interior leakage surveys, attached as Exhibit NSTAR 1-21(C).

Exit letter from Angela S. Motley, Public Utilities Engineer to David E. Weber, Manager – Regulatory Compliance, KeySpan Energy Delivery dated August 11, 2004, addressing atmospheric corrosion monitoring, Notice of Probable Violation 04-PL-14 from Christopher Bourne, Director, dated November 4, 2004, Informal Review Decision by Christopher Bourne, Director, dated June 13, 2005, Consent Order dated June 27, 2005, and Compliance Agreement, attached as Exhibit NSTAR 1-21(D).

Exit letter from Paul G. Grieco, Public Utilities Engineer to Danny G. Cote, General Manager, Bay State Gas Company dated September 2005, addressing interior atmospheric corrosion monitoring, attached as Exhibit NSTAR 1-21(E)

Exit letter from Ronald P. Danielson, P.E., Public Utilities Engineer to Ronald A. Nichols, Manager, Gas Compliance Unit, Unitil, dated September 22, 2005, addressing interior atmospheric corrosion monitoring, attached as Exhibit NSTAR 1-21(F).

Notice of Probable Violation to Fall River Gas Company, D.P.U. 86-PL-008, dated June 10, 1987, Consent Order dated June 22, 1987, Compliance Agreement, and Informal Review Decision dated June 10, 1987, attached as Exhibit NSTAR 1-21(G).

Please see response to information request NSTAR 1-20.